

RULE OF 80,000,000 PLANNED BY ARABS

Re-Establishment of Empire
Pleasant Dream of Leaders at Cairo.

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CAIRO, Egypt, May 30.—The Arabs, whose ancestors in the seventh century, with their capital at Damascus and later at Baghdad, ruled half the known world, from the Indus to the Pyramids, are striving to establish another Arab empire. Ever since the Turks under Sultan Selim II. conquered Egypt, in 1517, the race has been split into scattered kingdoms and wandering Bedouin tribes. Now European mandates have taken the choicest portions that were to have been the nucleus of the new empire. This is the fundamental cause of the revolt in Syria, the discontent in Palestine and the uncertainty in Mesopotamia, remnants of the old empire. The Arabs at least their own name for that rich country.

Arabs estimate their numbers at 80,000,000, of whom 77,000,000 are Mohammedans and 2,000,000 are Christians. In Yemen, their most important independent kingdom, 3,000,000 Arabs are of Jewish faith. Arabia and the countries on the east and south shore of the Mediterranean are the Arab lands. Few of them are under Arab rule. Iraq, Syria—which to Arabs means Syria, Lebanon and Palestine—are defined by the mandates—and Transjordan are the immediate objectives of the present movement. Egypt and the Sudan are included in the later scheme, Cairo to be the capital of the new empire.

Various Arab States.
Though they are well defined kingdoms, few of the boundaries of the Arab states appear on maps, and their population in many cases is merely a rough guess. However, according to Arab information, they are:

Iraq, or Mesopotamia—Embraces the fertile valleys of the Euphrates and Tigris. Is extremely rich in natural resources and needs only irrigation and development of the oil and other minerals to make it the richest country in the middle east. Population, 4,000,000. Baghdad is the capital. Ruled by Melek (King) Faisal, third son of Melek Hussein of the Hedjaz. Under British mandate.

Syria—Divided into five states, including the former free province of Lebanon. Population, 3,250,000. Capital, Damascus. Under French mandate.

Palestine—Richer in historical association than in products of the soil. Population, 750,000. Capital, Jerusalem. Under British mandate.

Transjordan—Rather sterile portion of Palestine, extending from east of the Jordan river to beyond the Damascus-Medina railroad. Population, 500,000. Capital, Amman. Ruled by Emir (Prince) Abdullah, second son of Melek Hussein of the Hedjaz. National government with British adviser.

El Hedjaz—The north half of the west coast of the Arabian peninsula and dividing the north portion of the central desert with Syria. Very poor country, but important to Mohammedans on account of the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. Population, 2,000,000. Capital, Mecca. Ruler, Melek (King) Hussein Eben (son of) Faisal. Free kingdom.

Asir—South of El Hedjaz. Fertile and rich. Population, 3,000,000. Capital, Abha. Ruler, Emir (Prince) Idriiss. Free kingdom.

Yemen a Rich Province.
Yemen—Southwest end of the Arabian peninsula. Extremely rich in agriculture and grows most of the world's supply of mocha coffee. Population, 12,000,000. Capital, Sanna. Ruler, Imam (Chief) Yahia Eben (son of) Hamid el Din. Free kingdom, except for Aden and the contiguous territory held by Great Britain.

Hadramaut—Southern end of Arabian peninsula. Fertile country. Ruled by between twenty and thirty Arab chiefs.

Oman—Eastern portion of peninsula. Partly cultivated. Capital, Maskat. Ruler, Sultan Teymur. Free kingdom.

Nedj—On the east coast of the Arabian peninsula, between Iraq and Oman and embracing the interior deserts, whose tribes the Turks could never subdue, including the empty desert, whose sands roll like an ocean. Capital, Ryad. Ruler, Sultan Abdul Aziz Eben Saoud. Free kingdom.

Laheje—Small, partly cultivated section, between Aden and Yemen. Capital, Laheje. Ruler, Sultan Abdul Kerim. Free kingdom.

Koweit—The northern corner of Nedj. Small but rich country. Capital, Koweit. Ruler, Emir Mobarak Eben el Sabbah. Free kingdom.

Mohammara—Independent portion of Iraq and Persia at the delta of the Tigris river. Small and rich. Capital, Mohammara. Ruler, Prince Khazal Khan. Free kingdom.

Each of the countries which does not have an exact census, cheerfully estimates its population anywhere from 2,000,000 to 10,000,000. The numbers of the Bedouin tribes are equally doubtful. As to the countries along the north shores of Africa, the figures are more reliable. The Arab records are: Bedouins, 9,000,000; Egypt, 14,000,000; Sudan, 3,000,000; Tripoli, 10,000,000; Tunis, 2,500,000; Algeria, 7,000,000; Morocco, 9,000,000.

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By the Associated Press.
LONDON, July 8.—Few Americans have ever had such a spontaneous greeting or such an affectionate farewell at the hands of the British as Chief Justice Taft has just received. The genial ex-President of the United States captivated all hearts during his three weeks' stay here by his joviality, his kindness and his unaffected manner.

The Britons, who are accustomed to regard their own public men in high places with something akin to awe, were frankly surprised to find the former head of 100,000,000 people so modest, democratic and approachable, and Mrs. Taft came in for a large share of their admiration. The Chief Justice surpassed his own White House record in speech-making, banqueting and

public receptions. During his twenty days here he was the guest of honor at nineteen dinners, seventeen luncheons and thirty-one receptions. He officiated at one christening, attended one golden wedding, dined with the king, danced with the queen, met all of official England and thousands of other people, and was made an honorary member of the British bench and bar. Oxford, Cambridge and Aberdeen honored him with degrees, which, with his American honors, gave him the total of sixteen titles. In the minds of Englishmen, he has been one of the most successful unofficial ambassadors from the United States in the present generation.

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RUSSIA TO REVIVE BIG NOVGOROD FAIR

Germans Heavy Exhibitors at
Historic Mart to Reopen
August 1.

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By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News.
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NIZHNI-NOVGOROD, Russia, July 8.—The United States will not be represented at Russia's greatest fair, which opens here on August 1, for the first time since the revolution. Great Britain is represented indirectly through the co-operatives. The German exhibits are limited solely by the capacity of the railroads to carry them, and Germany is sending all they can handle.

Until the revolution the Nizhni-Novgorod fair was Russia's national market for 700 years. Representatives from half of Asia and one-half of Europe gathered here each August to do business, 400,000 buyers purchasing \$65,000,000 worth of goods. Here Tartars, Kalmyks, Afghans, Mongols, Mingrelians, White Russians and citizens of all the varied nations from Peking to Petrograd laid in their annual stores, the busi-

ness being done at 8,000 shops, stalls and booths.

Fair Buildings Demolished.
When the bolshevik revolution came private trading was prohibited and the communist commissar commanding Nizhni-Novgorod determined to show his zeal. After expelling the old factory owners from the control of their works, he drove them from their homes, transforming the mansions in Chukovska, the city's 5th avenue, into government offices and sending their former owners to live in cellars. Then he turned his wrath upon the miles of permanent fair buildings, erected exactly 100 years ago by Betancourt, the famous engineer. Russia, he declared, had abolished trade.

"Let the people destroy every sign of this hateful thing," he said. The people responded readily, tearing down, wrecking and burning until the old fair grounds today present an incredibly devastated spectacle. Every house in street after street is without a roof. The flooring, windows and doors have disappeared. Stoves and heating apparatus are gone, and nothing but gaping, roofless brick walls remain. In some streets even the bricks of the houses are gone.

Last year, when the soviet government resolved to restore private trade, an old revolutionary, Malishev, was appointed to take charge of the fair department. Malishev looks like a typical old Russian trader, heavily bearded, jolly, overflowing with energy—the kind of a man who organizes, drives, persuades and gets things done. For twenty-five years before the revolution he spent most of his time in prison and exile. When bolshevism triumphed he found himself strongly opposed to the economic policy which forbade private enterprise. His protests at first seemed vain, but when the government found out its mistake, Malishev was

called upon to undertake the responsible task of reviving Russia's ancient fairs.

Results of Work Amazing.
Weeks ago he received permission to revive Nizhni-Novgorod's former glories, but, while actual work has been proceeding here only two weeks, the results already accomplished are little short of miraculous. The fanatical commissar, who organized the destruction of the fair buildings, is now cooling his heels in prison, with the prospect of facing the firing line. Malishev gazed sadly at the ruins as he showed the writer around.

"When Russia's workers rose in battle against tyranny their energy was not always wisely directed," he said. "But that is part of the price we pay for freedom. We will make good the damage."

M. Malishev said that 1,000 business premises, including the main buildings, would be restored by July 20, and ready for the August opening.

SEEK SITE FOR SANATORIUM.
COLUMBIA, S. C., July 8.—The Grand Council of the Woodmen of the World will visit Columbia on July 17 to inspect Camp Jackson as a possible location of the million-dollar sanatorium to be erected by the National Woodmen's organization at some point in the south.

HEARING ON LIBERTY BELL

Requested Trip to Chicago Stirs Controversy.

PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—A delegation of Chicago citizens will attend the public hearing here next Tuesday when the question of lending the Liberty Bell to Chicago for its pageant of progress will be discussed, announcement was made today. Because of many protests of Philadelphia organizations and individuals against sending the bell away, Mayor Moore issued the call for the public hearing. Council has adopted resolutions favoring the proposed trip.

JUGULAR VEIN CUT.

Neck Nearly Severed, Yet Man Eats Ice Cream.

BAYSHORE, N. Y., July 8.—In the hospital here lies a young man, John Souhrada, whose jugular vein was cut in an automobile accident last Saturday. His neck had been almost severed when he was hurled head first through a windshield, but today he enjoyed a plate of ice cream and attendants were confident he would get well.

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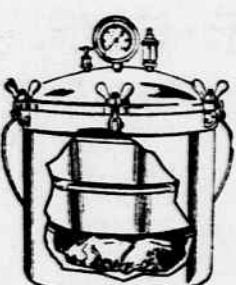
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